

David Young

Enjoy God, Share Life, Bring Hope

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Objectives

To cultivate the kingdom potential of the church by: a) delivering and overseeing compelling biblical teaching throughout the community; b) creating relationally focused missional communities and practices that resonate with Jesus' Great Commandment – the foundation for fulfilling Jesus' Great Commission; c) developing a culture for leaders and staff that embraces change and development while remaining focused on the primary purpose of making disciples. Everything I do is intended to advance my mission of *enjoying* God, *sharing* Life and *bringing* Hope locally and globally.

Experience

LEAD PASTOR | REVITALIZATION | VITALCHURCH MINISTRIES

Mosaic Church (C&MA), Portland, OR | Mar 2024 – current

Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, Santa Ana, CA | Jan 2022 – Aug 2023

Union Center Christian Church, Endicott, NY | FEB 2020 – DEC 2021

- Provided trusted, tender but determined leadership during a time of crisis
- Led declining and highly conflicted churches through a biblical revitalization
- Redeveloped leadership: from polarizing to pastoral, raising up and training new elders to lead while reworking church governance
- Refocused the church's vision and mission through congregation-wide summits
- Coached congregation, staff, and elders through redemptive reconciliation with each other, through grief, through repentance and towards a hope filled future

LEAD PASTOR | INTERNATIONAL

Trinity International Church, Paris, France | JAN 2019 – JUN 2019

Chaengwattana Community Church, Bangkok, Thailand | OCT 2006 – OCT 2011

- Communicated God's Word effectively across dozens of nationalities
- Grew the home group ministry from 10% to about 70% participation
- Led teams serving refugees and building homes with Habitat for Humanity
- Developed leaders while redeveloping church vision, governance and practice
- Partnered with national and international churches for Kingdom growth

LEAD PASTOR | Christian and Missionary Alliance Churches

Houston, TX | APR 2012 – DEC 2018; St. Paul, MN | FEB 2002 – SEP 2006

Omaha, NE | MAR 1998 – FEB 2002; Long Island, NY | MAY 1996 – DEC 1997

- Brought biblical and relevant preaching with a relational focus
- Intensified a longing for healthy, loving community while growing group ministry
- Shepherded significant change, separating a church and its K-12 Christian school
- Led the redevelopment of a small ingrown church towards spiritual health
- Mobilized the church into service, loving the community following Hurricane Harvey

Education

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY, Leadership in Global Perspectives | APR 2017

George Fox University – George Fox Evangelical Seminary, Portland, OR

Dissertation: Redirecting the International church towards missional thought, community and practice

MASTERS OF CHRISTIAN COUNSELING | July 1995

Cairn University, Philadelphia, PA

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE in Bible and Missions | JUNE 1989

Columbia International University, Columbia, SC

NON-ACCREDITED STUDY

- School of Spiritual Direction (Dr. Crabb), Colorado Springs, CO | JUN 2005
- Advanced School of Spiritual Direction (Dr. Crabb), Colorado Springs, CO | JUL 06
- Penn State Int'l Center for Global Business Course with AT&T | FEB 1995

At a glance

Ordained Minister, since 1997

The Christian and Missionary Alliance

Spiritual Director, since 2006

Providing biblical counsel and spiritual direction

Mission Mobilizer, since 2007

Business Process Analyst, 1989-96

management consulting work designing organizational processes and procedures.

Profile

At 57, Maryanne and I cherish our relationship and recently celebrated our thirty-seventh anniversary. We have two daughters: Karis, a graduate from Sam Houston University with a degree in computer animation, and Hannah, a Rice University graduate focused on creative writing. Our family has experienced both the beauty and the trials that come with church ministry, and through it all we love God and each other more.

My calling combines pastoral shepherding and apostolic initiative. This mix came to fruition in a dynamic way when we pastored an international church in Bangkok, with over thirty nationalities, for five years. Maryanne and the girls flourished in this environment where we invested our time in developing relationships with our neighbors from around the world – missional international churches can have an amazing gospel impact.

Today, I sense a progression in our ministry, from focus on revitalization of highly conflicted or poorly led churches to the equipping, loving, and mobilizing of the next generation; feeling called to graciously provide warmth, conviction and an example worth following.

References

Will gladly furnish personal and professional references upon request.

Personal Statement of Faith, Pastor Dave Young

Although I generally prefer to avoid personal statements of faith—recognizing that church councils throughout history have gathered to define orthodox belief and have produced many thoughtful, biblically grounded declarations such as the Nicene Creed, the Apostles' Creed, and various Reformed confessions—within this complex historical context, I believe it is appropriate for me to share what I consider the essentials of faith and orthodoxy.

1. The Triune God

I believe in one God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—eternally existing in loving relationship. God is not distant or impersonal, but relational at His very core. The Father loves, the Son reveals and redeems, and the Spirit gives life and power. All creation flows from God's goodness, and all of life finds its meaning in knowing and glorifying Him.

2. The Authority of Scripture

I believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God, trustworthy and authoritative in all it affirms. Through Scripture, God reveals His character, His purposes, and His redemptive plan centered in Jesus Christ. The Bible is not merely informational but transformational—by the work of the Holy Spirit, it shapes our faith, forms our lives, and guides the church in truth and obedience.

3. The Person and Work of Jesus Christ

I believe Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, fully God and fully human. He is our Savior, having lived a sinless life and offered Himself on the cross as a substitute for our sin. Through His death and bodily resurrection, Jesus secured forgiveness, victory over sin and death, and new life for all who trust in Him.

I also believe Jesus is not only our Savior but our living Lord—present with His people, actively sanctifying us, healing what is broken, and reigning as the coming King who will one day make all things new.

4. Salvation by Grace Through Faith

I believe salvation is a gift of God's grace, received through faith alone, not earned by works or religious effort. By the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit, we are brought from spiritual death to life, adopted into God's family, and united with Christ.

This salvation results in a transformed life—not as a means of earning God’s favor, but as the fruit of it. We are saved *into* a life of growing trust, obedience, and love.

5. The Work of the Holy Spirit

I believe the Holy Spirit indwells every believer, making Christ real to us and empowering us for holy living and faithful witness. The Spirit assures us of God’s love, convicts us of sin, forms Christlike character in us, and equips the church with gifts for ministry and mission.

I believe the Spirit’s empowering presence is essential for the Christian life. We are not meant to live by self-effort, but by ongoing surrender to the Spirit’s power, guidance, and transforming work.

6. The Church and God’s Mission

I believe the church is the body of Christ, called to worship God, love one another, and participate in God’s mission in the world. The church is not a building or an institution, but a redeemed people sent out to reflect God’s love and truth.

I believe the local church is central to God’s purposes—forming disciples, proclaiming the gospel, practicing the ordinances of baptism and the Lord’s Supper, and bearing witness to Christ through both word and deed, locally and globally.

7. The Return of Christ and the Fulfillment of All Things

I believe Jesus Christ will return bodily and visibly to establish His eternal kingdom. He will judge the living and the dead, bring justice to completion, and restore all creation. For those who belong to Christ, His return is our hope—not fear, but joy—because God’s redemptive work will be fully realized, and we will dwell with Him forever.

Closing Affirmation

I hold these beliefs not as abstract ideas, but as the foundation of my life, ministry, and hope. I desire to live in faithful obedience to Jesus Christ, dependent on the Holy Spirit, grounded in Scripture, and committed to the unity and mission of the church—until the day Christ returns and faith becomes sight.